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Moonstruck, a sculpture by Phillip Jackson at West Dean Gardens in Sussex, photo by Judith Witney - the winner of the Still Life class in the Photography section of the Spring Show on Saturday 6th April

February issue front cover - thank you to Oliver for his drawing of the Gingerbread man

It's good news week!

It's been difficult to find anything to be cheerful about these past days and weeks, there are bad things going on which the majority of us can do nothing about at all. And the weather - our most talked about topic - has failed us as well. A glimpse of sunshine, another black cloud, snow, sleet and icy winds. But we have been lucky. No devastating floods - only a few people who should know better getting caught in local rivers flooding roads; no heavy falls of snow imprisoning us in our cars for days on end; no loss of our livelihoods, precious sheep, many with lambs, dying in snow drifts.

A piece of good news is the Baker Avenue path has reopened (see details below) and we who live in the vicinity can get used to taking this useful cut - to the village hall, shops one way, and Church Road the other. We welcome the new residents to our village, and wish them a long and happy stay.

Miracle of miracles, the display of daffodils at the Spring Show on the first weekend in April was wonderful, their cheerful faces across the village hall gave us a definite taste of things to come. Remember last year? The daffs bloomed early, every flower bed in every garden shone brightly and there were fears there would be nothing for the show. How a year can change, and I'm still waiting for the trees to show even the tiniest shoots. But the birds have been busy, particularly the rooks and jackdaws down the bottom of the garden. They are not dependant on the insects needed by the smaller tits to feed their offspring and are quite happy swinging on my fat balls, like acrobats displaying in the big top. But better weather is on they way - you read it here!

Like the daffodils, we are late with the Review. Apologies to you all - we can't blame the weather!

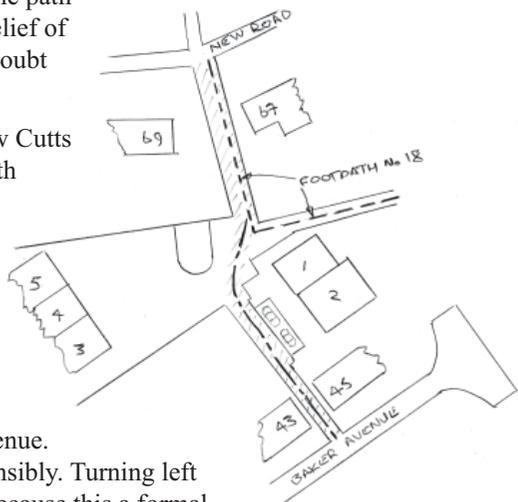
The Baker Avenue path has reopened!

Ken Earney, Parish Paths Partnership (P3) rep for Hatfield Peverel

As promised by Greenfields Community Housing, the path reopened on Friday 29th March, no doubt to the relief of many residents who regularly use it and were no doubt irked by the tiresome detour necessary during its closure.

A word of caution to all users: vehicles enter what is now Cutts Close from New Road, sharing the short approach road with pedestrians, and those going to numbers 3, 4 and 5 will cut across the pedestrian way to get to their parking areas. Please, drivers, cyclists and pedestrians, do take extra care.

Note that cycling is mentioned in the paragraph above. Assuming that the way will ultimately be incorporated on the Definitive Map it will not then be legal to cycle from where the access road enters the housing area to Baker Avenue. At the moment cyclists may do so but please - cycle responsibly. Turning left from this point - on a cycle - towards the rec is not legal because this a formal public footpath (FP18) on the Definitive Map.

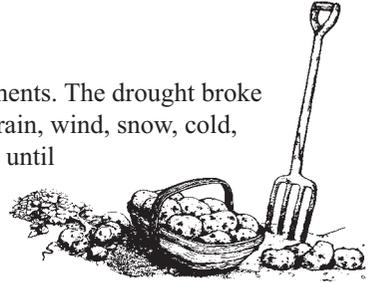


As reported in the December Review, the application to Essex County Council for the way through from New Road to Baker Avenue to be added to the village's public footpath network on the county Definitive Map was submitted last September, and the officer responsible for processing it said at the time that she would not be commencing work on it until April 2013, ie, about now. I will report on the situation in the June issue of the Review.

Bad weather stops play on allotments

David Goodey (01245 380389)

This diabolical weather continues to prevent progress on the allotments. The drought broke in April last year and, at the time of writing, seems to have been rain, wind, snow, cold, frost ever since. Plots are being dug over but little can be planted until the ground warms. Plenty of seed, etc, are being grown under glass in readiness.



We have installed two new water dipping tanks on the new site and one on the old to reduce walking distances. This is like coals to Newcastle in that it hasn't stopped raining for a year! The fly tipping near the footpath has been cleared and work parties continue to clear overgrown areas.

At our March committee meeting, Julia East was installed as HPA secretary and Sean Pettit has joined our meetings to cover development of our website www.happ.org.uk as Webmaster (great title, I think I'll re-title myself Imperial Grand Wizard!). We also confirmed at our March meeting that we are fully let after a big effort to fill the many vacancies after the loss of twenty members last September due to the poor weather. We expect a few plots to become available this month as members fail to return from hibernation (happens every year) or fall foul of our 'non-cultivation' rule.

Alan Ingram (seeds) and Mick Seaman (Mr Potato Head) raised an amazing £416 from the sale of seeds and seed potatoes and are to be heartily congratulated.

Our Best Allotment competition and drinks and nibbles will be held on the new site on Saturday June 29th. **One last appeal. Please don't let dogs foul the allotment areas. The problem is on the rise again.**

If you would like an allotment plot please contact John Cockell (01245 381646) for the old site next to the church, or Paul Waite (01245 380429) for the new site next to the cricket pitch, regarding renting a plot.

The first day of Spring has gone - keep your fingers crossed!

Horticultural Society - Sarah Barker
www.hatpevgardens.org.uk

Come visit Hylands House

The Society's first speaker meeting of 2013 was in March when Mark Hanson gave an illustrated talk on Hylands House, with special emphasis on its trees and wildlife. Biologist Mark has done much work on veteran and ancient trees of Essex and has specialist knowledge of Essex Parks. Having shown some excellent slides of the special trees at Hylands, members are hoping for fine weather to enjoy a walk there to see how many they can spot.

Potatoes for the annual competition

If you were not at the speaker meeting and would like to take part in this fun competition - adult or child - contact Neville Bright on 01245

381331. He will, for £1, give you a potato and information sheet. In late summer the produce will be officially 'dug up' and weighed and the person with the heaviest yield will win £10. And have a good feed of newly-dug potatoes!

Plant sale/coffee morning Saturday 11th May

The annual Spring plant sale will take place at Oaklands, Nounsley Road, 10am - 12 noon. Come for a bargain, a cuppa and a delicious piece of home made cake - and get your pelargonium plants for the competition which will be judged at the Autumn show.

Afternoon garden walk, Sunday 9th June

A plantswoman's garden in Great Totham with large colour-themed borders. Meet at garden at 2pm, admission £5 to include tea and biscuits.

Details/directions, lifts if needed from Clive Emberson 01245 381704.

Spring Show - Saturday 6th April - flowers galore despite the weather

The sun finally came out on the day of our Spring show and there were an impressive number of entries, considering the extreme conditions over the past few months. As well as daffodils and other Spring flowers, the photography, cookery and handicraft classes were popular and we were pleased to see more entries in the children's section. The trophy and award winners were:

Doe Memorial Cup (daffodils) Mike Jollands; Garden News Shield (other flowers) Sarah Barker; Les Childs Memorial Bowl (best individual exhibit) Frances Cawson; Society Cup (cookery) Anne Mountfort; British Legion Cup (handicrafts) Pam Warren; RAOB Cup (best individual exhibitor) Ethan Felton; Claydon Memorial Cup (children's entries) Eleanor Hayter; Lens Cup (photography) Neville Bright; cake competition (nineteen entries) Trina Butcher; daffodil competition, Neville Bright. *See Neville's splendid bowl of competition daffodils above.*



Thank you to all who attended and helped to make the show a success, and to behind the scene members who beaver away laying out the hall, putting up tables and, most importantly, staging the exhibits.

Two-day event for this year's exhibition

Hatfield Peverel Art Group - Peter Walker, Secretary (01245 381798)

Members of the Art Group have continued with their enthusiastic efforts during the gloomy chill of the long drawn-out winter, although the extreme weather was unfortunately responsible for some disruption of the normal programme. Members are now looking towards this year's exhibition, which for the first time will be a two-day event, scheduled to take place on Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd June in the village hall. The format will be similar to last year, with a display of work by pupils from the local school and special features, including painting demonstrations, over the weekend. Exhibits will be available for sale, and will comprise works by both Art Group members and non-members.

Non-members are very welcome to exhibit, and should contact me, Peter Walker, or visit our website for an entry form (contact details at the end of this article), which should be returned by Friday 24th May, the closing date for entries.

The exhibition is open to all visitors from 10am to 6pm (Saturday) and 5pm (Sunday), and home-made refreshments will be available at very reasonable cost.

Should you wish to find out more about the activities of the group, which holds weekly meetings on Monday afternoons from 2pm to 4pm in St Andrews Church hall, please contact Peter Walker on 01245-381798, visit the website at www.hatfieldpeverelartgroup.co.uk or come along and see us during one of our Monday sessions.

A cultural visit to the country

If the sun is shining and you fancy a drive out through some of our lovely countryside, visit the Henry Moore Foundation at Perry Green, ten minutes away from Bishops Stortford. The Moore Rodin exhibition, where works of two of the world's most famous sculptors - some items from their personal collections never seen before - can be viewed in a spectacular garden setting. The exhibition, until 27th October, is open Wednesdays to Sundays including Bank holidays, from 11am until 5pm, there is no need to book.

Henry Moore moved to Perry Green in the 1940s after his London home had been bombed. His works can be seen worldwide.

If you want more information on this exhibition, admission costs etc, visit the Henry Moore Foundation website, click on images for a look at some of the sculptures on show, it is an excellent read. The phone number is 01279 844104.

Parish Council news

Lisa Miller, Clerk to the Parish Council

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clerk.hatfieldpeverelpc@blueyonder.co.uk

Please call the above number to make an appointment with the Clerk at the Parish Office



Planning

All planning meetings are open to the public. Notification of these meetings will be erected in the village notice boards three clear days prior to each meeting.

The following applications have recently been made

Baswin, Church Road - demolition of existing bungalow and erection of five flats; Silsoe, The Street - erection of 2-storey rear extension; 3 Lawrence Court, The Street- erection of single storey rear extension; Whitelands, Terling Road - erection of potato cold storage; 1 Station View, Station Road - demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of 3 bay carriage house

The following applications have been approved by the District Council

Replacement of two interior doors at Vinehurst, The Street; demolition of existing conservatory and erection of 2-storey side extension at Shambles, Nounsley Road.

The following applications have been refused by the District Council

Bovingtons Farm, Maldon Road - erection of farm shop.

Tree Preservation Order application

Tree work at Middlefield Lodge, Ulting Road - passed to Tree Warden.

Tree Preservation Orders granted

Tree work at 105 Church Road, application granted; tree work at 107a Church Road, application part granted; tree work at 53 Willow Crescent, application granted.

LDF – Local Development Framework - Site Allocations & Development Management Policies

Following the public consultation held by the District Council on Wednesday 30th January in the village hall, a public meeting was then held in the Church hall on 6th February. The turnout was tremendous with approximately 250 parishioners attending. The hall was overflowing. The Parish Council then held an extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 12th February when all councillors voted against the development of both HAT 14 (The Vineyards) and HAT 17 (Sorrel's Field). The Parish Council's comments were lodged with the District Council prior to the end of the consultation period on the 20th February.

Hatfield Peverel was not on the agenda for the meeting of the LDF panel on Tuesday 26th March in relation to the site allocations. **The next meeting of the panel is shown on the District Council's website for Thursday 11th April.**

Party in the Park

A working party has been formed under the umbrella of the Parish Council to hold another Party in the Park following the success of last year's event which was held after the Olympic Torch relay in July last. The date for this year is Saturday the 13th July. We hope that the whole of the village will support the day in whatever way they can. See article on back page.

New Website for the Parish Council and the village is in the final stages of completion. Details will be published when this is up and running.

Annual Parish Meeting - Wednesday 24th April 8pm in the Church hall. Everyone is welcome.

Parish Council meetings - 13th May, 3rd June, 7.30pm in the village hall

A warning to all dog walkers

This is a warning to all dog walkers to be vigilant when walking on the footpaths around the Priory grounds. My neighbour's dog was attacked as she walked from the cemetery down the footpath towards Sportsman's Lane, with her Labrador. Three large dogs came out of the Priory grounds, one knocked her to the ground, and savaged her dog. She was helpless in trying to pull the dog off, and her dog was left bitten and whimpering on the ground. She has reported it to the police, and they will be returning the choke chain collar she pulled off the attacking dog's neck to the owners. Her dog has two deep puncture wounds to his neck and ear, and is traumatised, as is she.

I also had a frightening moment when I was walking on the adjacent footpath on the field that leads up towards the cricket ground, when a large white English Bull terrier, whose name I believe was Archie, came tearing out of the Priory grounds, snarling towards my dog, who was on her lead. Fortunately a woman called his name he returned to her. It frightened me.

Subsequently, I have heard from other dog owners that their dogs have either been attacked or menaced by dogs that come out onto the footpaths. I know one of the owners has reported this to the dog warden. Another gentleman I see now never walks without a large walking stick, as his dog was also set on by one of these dogs.

One of the greatest joys for many of us is walking our dogs through the beautiful footpaths and country side we are blessed with in Hatfield Peverel. Whatever the weather, we are out every day, dog and owner enjoying the peace and quiet, and minding our own business.

Many of us are now wary of walking the footpaths surrounding the Priory grounds, or indeed, along Sportsman's Lane, for fear of these huge dogs coming out. I now do a detour to get to the river, which is not as enjoyable as the footpaths. Better safe than sorry?

Please be aware if you have the misfortune to have such an experience, report it to the police and the dog warden. No one wants these unruly dogs to come to harm, but the owners need to take responsibility for them, so the rest of us can walk in peace, not in fear.

Sue Blythe



From gamekeepers to magistrates..

Hadfelda WI - Marel Elliston

At our February meeting we welcomed Graham Bendall, a gamekeeper who talked to us about 'A Gamekeeper's Year'. He was a very interesting and amusing speaker who obviously loved his outdoor life. He explained how things had changed in the countryside over the years, how they reared the birds and the problems experienced with predators. He had us all laughing with tales of his family, particularly his father who had also been a gamekeeper. He had a talented family as his daughter was an excellent cricketer and apparently had no trouble beating the young lads.



On 8th March, eight members attended the WI County AGM at Colchester. We listened to some interesting people during the day, but the main speaker was Adam Henson from Countryfile, who was excellent. He told us about his life in farming, which he loves, and how got his job with the BBC. He signed books and posed for photos with great good humour.

In March our speaker was Peter Mockford who talked about the work of a Magistrate. There is a lot of training involved and they are all volunteers. He entertained us with stories about some of the characters he had come across, some amusing, some rather sad. Magistrates have to deal with a wide variety of crimes from driving offences and unpaid fines to theft and smuggling. The competition, which was the letter 'B' was won by Janet Roberts with her old nurses bonnet.

Hadfelda WI meets in the village hall on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is the AGM on 24th April. The competition is letter 'F' Everyone is welcome!

Walkers keep their fingers crossed!

Hatfield Peverel Walkers - Graham Bushby (380472)

Sunshine and warmth has not been much in evidence over the past months but with the Spring solstice behind us, it has got to get better?

The March walk took place in surprisingly good weather considering the extremely cold winds and snow that the end of the month brought out for all to enjoy the beginning of spring. Twelve hardy villagers, led by Graham, walked the footpaths via Nounsley to Ulting and Hoe Mills Bridge which apart from one field was quite easy going.

Our next walk, organised by Chris Johnson, is on Thursday 25th April starting at the village hall at 10am to the Toppinghoe area and bluebell wood which is a sight to behold, always assuming that the bluebells have recovered from the late cold snap and caught up with their normal flowering season.

I have had a suggestion that we repeat the Langford 'old railway route' walk sometime this year, and if anyone has any other suggestions or would like to organise a walk please let me know. I would be very grateful.

Walks are held on the last Thursday of the month, meeting in the village hall car park unless otherwise stated. If you want to make a note in your diary of future dates for this year they are

Thursday 30th May
Thursday 27th June
Thursday 25th July
Thursday 29th August
Thursday 26th September
Thursday 31st October
Thursday 28th November
Thursday 19th December walk and pub lunch



Guinea pigs - workers who earned one guinea a week!

Chris Johnson

There were nine walkers on the February walk including me.

The bus arrived only five or six minutes late. We alighted near Brampton Sports centre and crossed the road to walk along the River Brain to Whet Mead where we did a loop of the nature reserve. From there we crossed fields to Blue Mills bridge and alongside the River Blackwater across Benton Hall golf club. We passed under the only remaining wooden railway bridge in the country. Nearby is what was formerly a mill which used to be owned by a corrupt MP who was said to have recruited workers for a guinea a week so that they would vote for him. These workers were known as 'Guinea Pigs'. Thank goodness for the fine upstanding MPs that we have today. From here we crossed over Wickham Bishops Road along the river and then across a couple fields to Spring Lane where we enjoyed refreshing drinks of tea, coffee or hot chocolate at the Peartree Pantry Café.

Back to the footpath and across to the Maldon Road where we made our way to the village hall – everyone tired but happy (I hope).

Community Speedwatch needs more volunteers

Martin Pyke, 01245 380792

Do you dislike speeding motorists in the village - would you like to do something to help stop it? - can you spare an hour every week or two to become a member of the local Speedwatch team? The more members in the team the more sites we can cover, and the less frequently each of us will have to go out.

You will be properly trained by Essex Police and covered under their insurance. We work in teams of three, meet at times to suit our collective lifestyles and cover each other when members are not available.

We need your support to make Speedwatch effective in our village by making the roads safer for our community. If you would like to help, please contact Martin on the number above.

Beating the Bounds – better luck this year?

Ken Earney, 01245 381235, keneaney@hotmail.com

Last year this walk (see April 2012 edition) was cancelled because of the very poor ground conditions resulting from the unusual amount of rain in the weeks running up to the bank holiday, and because I sustained a severely sprained ankle whilst carrying out the recce walk two weeks beforehand. I plan to do the walk this Spring Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May, provided that we don't have a repeat of the conditions causing last year's to be cancelled.

Essentially the arrangements will be the same as planned for last year and given in both the Parish Magazine and the Review, ie we will start at 10am from where the public footpath towards Toppinghoe Hall leaves Terling Hall Road (about 50 yards beyond the railway bridge), walk by the railway towards Boreham for about a mile to pick up the parish boundary then follow it - as closely as possible - around the northern perimeter all the way to the Lynfield service station off the A12, just over 9 miles (or just under 15km). Including a stop for lunch about half-way round (remember to bring a packed lunch and water). It will take about 4½ to 5 hours.

For those who would like to come but feel that they can't manage nine miles, there are conveniently spaced escape (or joining) points around the route where we meet public roads - Terling Hall Farm after 2¼ miles, Whitelands on Terling Road after nearly 4 miles, Dancing Dicks Lane (by Dancing Dicks cottages) after 5½ miles. From there back to Lynfield is about a further 3 miles. You could join or leave at any of those points, joinings and rescue pick-ups being arranged by mobile phone whilst the walk is in progress.

To cut out the walk to the boundary start point you can get to within about 100 yards of it by car – ring me for details. For those that don't want to walk all the way to the start from the village, I have arranged that cars can be left in the parking area of Oakland Orangeries on Terling Hall Road, about ¼ mile further on from the footpath finger post.

We don't have to re-establish the parish boundaries for real as in past times, the object is to have a day's enjoyable walking. (But we might read an extract of gospel at what I feel to be the only candidate for a gospel oak on the route - not the one on the right - that's the Hanwell Gospel Oak. See last April's Review for brief clarification). However, it won't be much fun walking in rain in boots heavy with mud and clay, so I will make the final decision as to whether the walk will go ahead the previous day, Sunday 5th May. Because of this uncertainty I suggest anyone considering coming on the walk should phone or email me in good time beforehand with their contact details. I will contact you on Sunday 5th to tell you whether or not the walk is on.



Christmas Bazaar 2012

Toni Bint, chairperson

I am writing to thank you for supporting our 2012 Christmas bazaar. We had a fantastic turnout on the night and managed to raise a massive £3,300. This would not have been possible without your kind donations and support.

We are pleased to advise that we are now able to complete our big project of building an outside

classroom for the children, as well as funding other events throughout this year.

Once again, thank you for your support.

Sorry I didn't get this in the February issue as promised - Ed.

You know you've had too much of modern living when...you get an extra phone line so you can receive phone calls.

Read this for your safety - Community Policing team

Emergency calls 999, non-emergency calls 101*

House numbering - can we find your house?
Not just the police but any emergency services and other legitimate callers have difficulty finding houses when the house name or number is either missing or hard to see. Invest in clear signage for your house name or number, it will assist in deliveries to your home, and in the more extreme cases could even save a life.

School absences – fraud alert
Schools and parents will have been made aware of this fraud scam around unauthorised absence but we are repeating it for your safety.

Essex County Council is warning parents and schools to be aware of a fraud scam around unauthorised absences.

The Counter Fraud Team at Essex County Council in February was alerted that a parent of a pupil at an Essex school received a phone call purporting to be from the Education Welfare Service stating their child had not attended school that day and as a result they had to pay a fine of £340. The parent was asked to provide credit/debit card details so payment could be made over the phone.

The Education Welfare Service **does not phone parents demanding payment immediately over the phone.** Invoices/penalty notices are sent via the post by the Education Welfare Service and parents are then given the option to pay by phone. Although payments can be accepted over the phone, at no time would the Education Welfare Service demand payment immediately.

Any parent receiving such calls should inform their school and the Essex County Council's Trading Standards team on 0845 404 0506.

Brenda Cross - 5 March 2013

Bogus police officers
Detectives have renewed an appeal to **beware of bogus police officers** after two more incidents. Chigwell and Buckhurst Hill, where the incidents occurred, may seem many miles from here. Beware.

Police are linking five cases in less than a month in which telephone callers have posed as police to trick, or attempt to trick, elderly victims into revealing their banks details.

A couple from Buckhurst Hill had a three-figure sum of cash fraudulently removed from their bank account and were tricked into handing over a gold watch. The couple, in their 80s, were called by a man posing as a Metropolitan Police Officer based at Limehouse. He claimed the couple's bank account had been infiltrated and he needed their bank details to check. He said two officers would call at the couple's home to collect the cards. Two men arrived, took the cards and also tricked the couple into handing over the watch, claiming it could be used as part of the investigation.

Local burglaries
There have been several burglaries in the village during the past few months - take care, keep your doors and windows shut and don't answer the door to someone you don't know, its not worth it!

* I had cause to ring 101 regarding suspicious callers selling goods. The response was excellent: the lady who had rung me regarding the knock on her door had a visit from a policeman later the same day, and he also rang me. (Ed).

Could you be a volunteer?
Braintree District Voluntary Support Agency Limited (BDVSA)

The BDVSA gives advice on governance and fund-raising opportunities to all voluntary groups and charities within the Braintree District. The Board of Enhanced Video Directors, which gives its time voluntarily and meets six to eight times a year during the day, is currently looking for new members.

If you are a member of a stakeholder group and would like to represent them, or if you would like to be an independent member living within the Braintree District, then BDVSA would like to hear from you. Application forms are available from the BDVSA office - see **website at www.bdvsa.org.uk** or telephone 01376 550507.

Clare Balding backs

Tea for Helen

Helen Rollason charity

Heather Baldwin 08456 802 047 or

heather.baldin@helenrollason.org.uk

Everyone at Helen Rollason Cancer Charity is delighted that television presenter Clare Balding is supporting this year's 'Tea for Helen' campaign. Our fundraisers, Angela Lodge and Heather Baldwin, met with Clare, who is a Vice-Patron of the charity, in February.

Clare explained: 'I'm backing the Tea for Helen campaign because it's an easy, fun way to raise money for Helen Rollason Cancer Charity. Just hold a tea party and ask your guests to make a donation. The money you raise will fund cancer support centres and research into new cancer treatments. Please put the kettle on and help this charity to improve the lives of more people living with cancer now and in the future'. **Anyone planning their own Tea for Helen tea party contact the charity for a party pack on 08456 80 20 47 or from the charity's office at Yvonne Stewart House in The Street.**

Tea for Helen has raised over £66,500 since we first launched the campaign in 2010. We hope that, with Clare's support, it will be even bigger in 2013.

Coffee morning on third Saturday of the month - 20th April, 18th May

The Hatfield Peverel Fund-raising Group holds its own Tea for Helen coffee morning at Yvonne Stewart House on the third Saturday of every month from 10am to 12.30pm. Please join them. The group is looking for more volunteers - contact the charity office on 08456 80 20 47 for more information.

Pub quiz on first Tuesday of the month - 7th May, 4th June. Call now to book - 01245 380330.

The Wheatsheaf in Hatfield Peverel holds a pub quiz to raise money for us on the first Tuesday of every month, 8pm start. It is only £2.50 per person to take part in teams of 4-6 people and Len Fry and Sandie Treadwell donate a bottle of wine to each member of the winning team. Bring your own nibbles.



Visit the Museum of Power for a good day out. The museum is open Wednesday to Sunday and Bank holiday Mondays 10am - 5pm, last entry 4pm. The tea room, museum, and miniature steam train rides on events days (£1 fare), are also open.

Special events coming up include

Sunday 21st April - 'Marshall' steam day

Adults £6, concs £5, 5 - 16 yr old £2.50, under 5 free

Sunday 5th May - miniature railway running, free entry to tea room and grounds



Clare Balding with Tea for Helen fundraisers Angela Lodge, left, and Heather Baldwin. Photo - Trevor Leighton

Sunday 19th May - Old Tyme Rally, 'Marshall'

steaming, traction engines, agricultural equipment, vintage vehicles, bouncy castle for children.

Adults £6, concessions £5, children under 12 free

Thursday 30th May - 'Finding Alice'. DOT

open air theatre on museum field. Doors open

2pm, curtains up 3pm. Tickets £10 in advance,

£12 on day, under 14 £8. Ring 0843 208 0628.

For details of attractions ring 01621 843183 or go to www.museumofpower.org.uk

Members enjoy wine evening at Marks and Spencers

Peverel Wine Club - Graham Bushby

At the beginning of the month members were invited to a Marks and Spencers Wine Evening, where a good time was had by all, with samples and nibbles being consumed together with helpful information provided by a wine professional.



The March meeting was well attended by members and friends for a presentation of wines from the Ahr region of Germany, given by Graham Bushby who had arranged a trip last year for members and friends by coach to the Remagen Rhine area, to sample and tour this attractive part of Germany. Two white, two rosé and two red wines, for which the region is the largest producer in Germany, were sampled along with a brief background and recommendation for accompanying food. The presentation also covered explanations and pictures of the scenery and various wine festivals which take place in the area during the summer months. The 'Ahr Valley Domina' red wine was voted the Wine of the Evening and the meeting concluded with a raffle and informal social gathering.

Our next meeting is in St Andrew's Church hall, off Church Road, (please note this is a one-off change of venue from our normal meeting place at the village hall) at 8pm on Wednesday 10th April. For further information and anyone wishing to come for the first time please contact Vee on (01245) 355723.

Village quiz - 25th May

Following the successful and enjoyable village quiz in January to raise funds for Finding Fraser's Feet charity, there will be another quiz - teams of six as before - on Saturday 25th May. Fraser has had his operation in USA and will be at the quiz evening and hopefully everyone will be able to see for themselves the big improvement this operation will have on this young lad's life.

Enjoyable courses fill the gap...

WEA

Stalwarts of the WEA, Jim Page and Brian Bourn, came up with two excellent four-week courses when the speaker for the spring term was unable to attend. Jim spoke on the 'Evolution of towns', and Brian on 'A question of time'.

At the AGM in April retiring chairman Terry Bard spoke of a busy and stimulating year: the Autumn course 'Mixing with Music' with Quintus Benziger got us all listening to music with new ears, and the two evening programmes - a visit from the North Essex Astronomical Society in November complete with telescopes etc (sorry, no stars!) and Brief Encounter in December when Brian Bourn reminisced on Chelmsford's greatest experiment in history, the Eastern Gas Board's chemical plant to manufacture gas from oil.

Terry thanked everyone for their support and friendship during his period in office - we haven't lost him, he has joined the committee! He also thanked long standing committee members Alan Wood and Jim Page for their outstanding service. Members welcomed the news that Lesley Naish will take over Terry's role.

Patricia Reynoldson Smith then gave a fascinating and moving talk on 'The 1953 Essex Flood - the people's story'. Bravery, stoicism, surviving under unbelievable conditions of cold and wet, we thought of the survivors and those who had not been so lucky.

Future dates for your diary

Coach trip Chatham Dockyard

Date **Tuesday 11th June**

Time **9am - 6pm**

Cost **£30 including coach/entrances**

Visit to Marks Hall, guided tour of estate

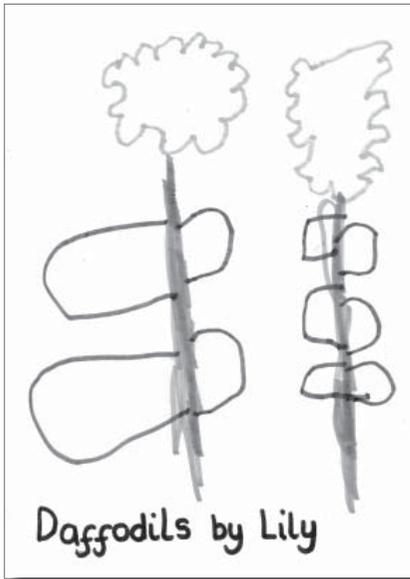
Date **Tuesday 16th July**

Time **10.30am at Marks Hall car park**

Cost **£6 but must be booked in advance**

Autumn course - Discovering East Anglian timber-framed buildings with tutor John Walker

For bookings ring Terry on 01245 381289.



Day Nursery boys and girls celebrate St David's and St Patrick's Day

We have had lots of new experiences this term, using two Saints days. We joined in St David's Day by making Welsh cakes and looking at daffodils: this developed into exploring growing other plants. For St Patrick's Day we made hats and shamrock-shaped biscuits. Our Mummies came in to play to celebrate Mother's Day, which we all enjoyed.

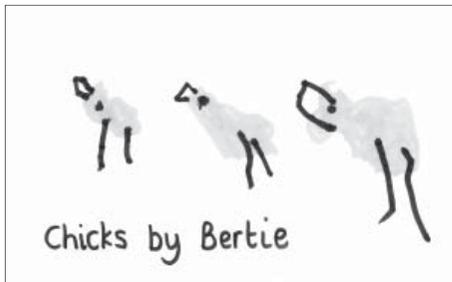
We would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter.

Next term is going to be busy working with the 'big' school to aid the children's smooth transition.

The nursery is managed by Belinda Wakelin who has a BA degree in Early Years and holds Early Years Professional Status with a well qualified staff team.

As well as the nursery we run sessions before and after school for children up to the age of eight years old.

For availability of spaces please telephone 01245 382450.



Thank you to Lily, Millie, Bertie and Nancy for their lovely drawings

News from St Andrews

How fickle is our weather? This time last year I was writing about drought, and the possibility of standpipes being introduced in the driest areas. This year, I am writing with plenty of water about (admittedly, some of frozen!) and temperatures struggling to reach 0 degrees Centigrade!

The main event - the benefits of which will be with us for a long time - is the new lighting in St Andrews. We are getting used to the programming that goes with it but there is no doubt it gives our beautiful building a 'lift'.

With the lighting, the whole church has been rewired to the most modern specifications and we have lots of plugs. No longer will the cross-bearer get tangled up in the wire that fed the Christmas tree lights. Thank you, people of Hatfield Peverel, for showing great forbearance when we had to have all services in the church hall for most of January and all February. I would like to thank the army of volunteers from church and village who cleaned the church ready for us to move back. You have done a fantastic job. The new lighting has exposed the sheer beauty of the roof beams and trusses as well as the fact that we will have to look afresh at the paint on some of our walls. We must not forget the dedication of John Strange, John Tomlins and Keith Pettit who have pushed this project through the usual red tape associated with an ancient building and kept an eye on it as it progressed.



Writing any church article at this time feels peculiar, because it is inevitably about Easter or beyond. As I write we are at the beginning of Holy Week and it just doesn't seem right to be writing about the resurrection, or events relating directly to it. It is almost like hearing the 'Amen' chorus of Handel's 'Messiah' after the overture, with the rest of the piece following!

By the time you receive this Review, we will be two weeks at least after Easter, in that period between Easter and Pentecost, called the Great 50 Days. The gospel readings for this period concentrate on both the resurrection appearances of Jesus in St John's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, which details how the early church began and spread, and many of the problems it faced, many of which are still with us!

At the beginning of February a special Bible Sunday service was held, entitled 'Promises, Promises' led by our Reader, Mary Daw. About fifty people came to the Church hall, which was set out like a cafe. It was a most thought-provoking service about using a book that we assume to be there but don't always take as seriously as we might. My thanks to Mary and her helpers for all they have done over the past year and continue to do.

For the Parish Lent course, we looked at 'Gospel Women' of which there are a surprisingly large number, following a book by Fiona Stratta.

Mothering Sunday was celebrated during March with the usual flower and simnel cake preparation on the Saturday ready for the service at 10.15am on the Sunday. This year the proceeds from the sale of the simnel cake went to 'Open Doors', an organisation devoted to helping persecuted Christians and their families throughout the world.

We have just had Palm Sunday. The evening was devoted to Stainer's 'Crucifixion' with St Andrew's Choir, members of Hadfelda Ladies Choir and members of our congregation and beyond. Under the baton (if she had one!) of Barbara Mason and the playing of Howard Southgate this well-loved piece was sung with the congregation joining in the hymns. Thanks to everyone who came.

The Annual Parochial Church meeting was on Sunday 14th April. This year the church electoral roll is revised completely so everyone needs to renew their membership. The April Parish magazine contains a tear-off form or they can be obtained in church.

On Sunday 21st April we hope to have a thanksgiving for the new lighting and the opportunities it provides. The 'Buy a Light bulb' fund is still open; we have to replenish the coffers to the tune of about £45,000. Thanks to those who have already generously donated money to this.

Mother's Union

In February members welcomed Mrs Christine Horton from the Children's Society who spoke of the society's work countrywide and in the Chelmsford area. The society began in the late 19th century when a Sunday School teacher in South London, Edward Rudolph, was concerned numbers in his Sunday School class were slowly decreasing. He went into the streets to find his missing pupils and found many begging for food because of calamities that had befallen their families. He led a deputation to Archibald Tait, the Archbishop of Canterbury, with a plan to set up Church of England children's homes as an alternative to workhouses and orphanages. In 1881 a new organisation providing homes for waifs and strays - The Children's Society - came into being. The first home opened in Dulwich in 1882 with the premise that children should not become long term residents but go into foster care or adoption.

In the 1960s and 70s, due to social changes, the Society's work became more involved with supporting children within their own families and communities: during the 70s and 80s it introduced family centres offering advice plus play groups, youth clubs, and short term accommodation for young single mothers.

In Chelmsford there is a project called '114', the address in Springfield Road is currently the Society's HQ. Young trained counsellors go into schools to work with troubled youngsters who may relate and talk to the young people rather than their own parents. There are children who struggle to take care of invalid parents, families caring for a disabled child. The CS works with Social Services to support them all, and also lobbies for social justice, welfare provision etc. to help young people to think and act for themselves.

5th March

Carole Goddard was welcomed to our March meeting to talk about 'Civil Partnerships'. We are aware this is an emotive subject, but there is legislation going on in Parliament regarding same sex marriages which will affect us all.

At the moment the legal position is that any couple entering into a civil marriage in a Registry Office etc makes certain vows and can request their marriage be blessed in Church. A couple entering into a Civil Partnership make a public declaration of their love for each other but do not make any vows and cannot request a blessing by the Church. Gay couples feel they deserve to be considered on the same footing as heterosexual couples with regard to the state of marriage.

Carole was aware each individual would have their own views but she wanted to open our minds to consider all aspects. Firstly we have to remember we are God's children, all equally important in his eyes, and it is important to respect those with different views to us. We are instructed to 'Judge not that ye be not judged' and we are all made in God's image whether we are straight or gay.

The MU believes a happy marriage is commitment between a couple whether male and female or same sex. In the MU prayer we are asked to share God's love through encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life. It does not define an ideal family. Carole very gamely answered the many questions.

We received a letter of thanks from Gladys Rowland's daughter for the flowers we sent to Gladys's funeral. She was a member of the MU for many many years, and a very dear friend. We sent a donation of £31 to the MU 'Make a Mother's Day Appeal.'



Methodist Church

Looking back since the start of the year poor weather and illness amongst our members has curtailed activities in the church, and led to one Sunday Service being cancelled because of the snow – something we have avoided in recent bad winters. However on Sunday 3rd February we welcomed family and friends of Tracey and Mark to fill our Church to witness the blessing of Joshua. The proud parents chose the hymns and read a poem especially written by Tracey for her son. The well-known Bible passage from Corinthians illustrating the meaning of love reminded us that family and children are such a blessing.

This was re-enforced during our Mother's Day service on 10th March when our minister Rev Sue extended our thoughts not only to mothers but to fathers, parents, church family and wider community to show that our care, concern and responsibility covers this inclusive group.

As this report is being written the new catholic Pope is being presented to the crowds outside St Peters in Rome. In his first speech he talks of beginning a journey of love in mutual trust. This reminds us in Hatfield Peverel that we are part of a worldwide community of Christians and that reflects the words from the Hymn 'Brother sister, let me serve you' which we sang at our Mother's Day service on Sunday which has the words.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

In February we held our annual Covenant Service, in which we renew of our commitment and challenges us to continue our faith in spiritual and practical ways.

Our ladies were invited to meet with members from the Circuit for a handicraft day at Christchurch Braintree. We met with old friends and were able to try out new crafts including drawing, flower arranging, patchwork, and découpage. We finished with a short service and were sent on our way with our creative efforts.

Special events

12th May - Anniversary Service at 11am led by Rev Sue Lambert followed by refreshments

Regular events

Every Sunday 11am Morning Service

Every Thursday 10am - 12 noon - Open Door - come and join us for tea/coffee and friendly chat
2nd Saturday in month 10am - 12 noon - coffee morning and cake stall

1st Monday in month 7.30pm - House Group

Local Salvation Army supports walkathon on human trafficking

Major John Turner

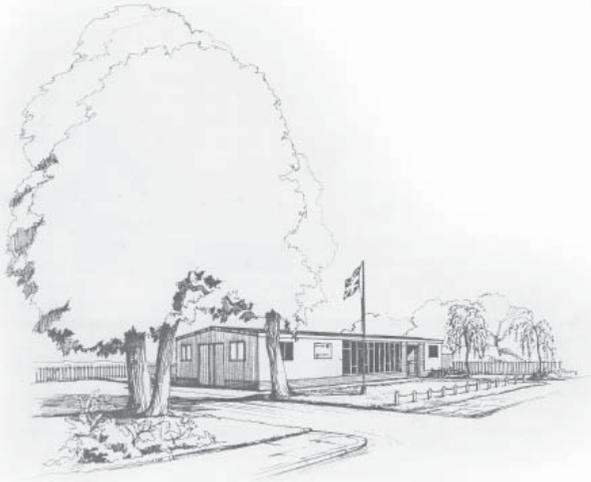
The Salvation Army has a long history of working with vulnerable, marginalised people across the world, including victims of trafficking. Its anti-human trafficking work is on an international scale, and it has been protecting and caring for vulnerable victims since its beginnings in the 1880s. In England and Wales, the Salvation Army took responsibility for delivering the UK government's contract in July 2011 to manage support services for adult female and male victims of human trafficking. The specialist support programme is designed to preserve the dignity of victims, protect and care for them in safe accommodation, and provide access to confidential client-based support services..

A 70-year old man is heading into Hatfield Peverel as part of an 18-month sponsored walk across the UK to raise £100,000 for SA's work with homeless people and victims of human trafficking. Andy Peddle will visit our hall in Maldon Road on 2nd May dressed in top hat and tails as part of his walk to the majority of Salvation Army churches (Corps), Lifehouses and charity shops in the UK - 7,900 miles or 15 million steps.

Local Salvationists will organise a coffee morning, book and cake sale for 10am and expect Andy to arrive on his walkathon around 11.30am. All proceeds will go to support Andy's efforts. Local support for this colourful event is needed in both attendance and donations. Andy Peddle is a special kind of person helping to tackle a global problem.

Scout and Guide HQ - a major refurbishment

A race night (with a difference), a fun run and a barbecue, are all being organised to raise money for our refurbishment project.



The Scout and Guide groups need an estimated £50,000 to make essential alterations to our existing premises, built in 1970. The plans include two new toilets, a disabled toilet, a bigger kitchen and a new boiler. We have got strong support from organisations in the village that use our building but we do face difficulties with the ageing facilities, particularly in the winter because the boiler is not working reliably.

So far, almost £20,000 has been raised which almost takes us to the critical half way mark. Fund raising activities by the units has achieved £5,000 and Essex County Council's Big Society Fund has awarded the group £15,000. Another £5,000 would give us a strong position from which to bid for further funding.

The recent Wine Quiz raised £425 and was a really enjoyable and well supported night with a great atmosphere. Did you know there are thirty one 'Carry on ...' films?

If you can contribute in any way, please contact Nick Nicholas, Group Scout Leader (01245 382794).

Dates for your diary

Race night	27th April	Scout and Guide HQ
Children's fun run	10th May	Cricket Club
Barbecue	22nd June	Scout and Guide HQ

Above is an illustration of the then new Scout and Guide HQ from the front cover of the first SAGO programme of 1971. Thank you to Ken Clements who lent us his copy of that programme. Ken was on the original building committee organising volunteer help for site preparation and fitting out of the new building, and also the SAGO committee until the last such event in 1974.

Later Life Newsletter

We received some weeks ago by email the 42nd edition of a newsletter in electronic form published by the Department for Work and Pensions. To quote the DWP "it provides latest news on policy changes, good practice, and initiatives and their impact on older people." Sounds boring? Perhaps, but it does seem to contain information that will be of interest and use to the older folk in our community. It claims currently to be reaching over 100,000 individuals and organisations.

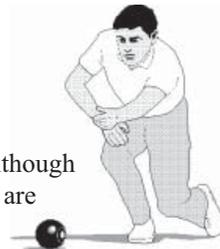
The electronic version (pdf format) can be downloaded from the DWP website (www.dwp.gov.uk/policy/ageing-society/forums-and-support-activity/later-life-newsletter). There doesn't however seem to be any way of getting it in the old fashioned paper form. Do they still not realise that not everyone has a computer and access to the internet?

Bowls in the warm and dry, sounds good!

Bob Gammie, President (381497)

www.hatfieldpeverelbowling.org

There has been no after Christmas or winter lethargy among members who are enjoying the various competitions, particularly the Tuesday afternoon league, although there is no clear winner at this stage. Similarly the singles and pairs cups which are likely to see new names on the silverware.



The Franklin Open Competition proved a very enjoyable day; this is a competition where we invite six other clubs to play two of our own. Winners were Heron Park, who had not won before, beating Castle Park, who had. In the Jim Cowell triples the winners had to be decided by the count back of ends won, which led to Roger Hoare, Sheila Fullbrook and Maureen Stokes beating Geoff Blackburn, Margaret Hinsley and Ernie Bearman. Hopefully Joan will be able to present the winners with the memorial cup to her late husband at our annual dinner.

Our AGM was quickly over with all existing committee members re-elected and our accounts, showing a light profit, expertly examined by John Cockell.

We look forward to our ladies versus gentlemen's match where, for some obscure reason, the ladies always go home with the Easter eggs, despite the result; and the finals night and the annual club dinner, and presentation night.

The bowling green is about to receive vigorous restoration work to remove what is probably the heaviest growth of moss resulting from the wettest of winters. If your calendar showed a lovely spring day for March, send it back, demanding a refund! We have a full list of fixtures and teams in the ladies Chelmer League and the Central Midweek League competitions. The green will open on 29th April.

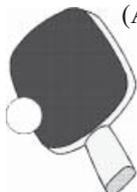
Do come and join us, enjoy the fresh air and exercise, if necessary initial coaching can be given. Our details are on our website above.

End of season approaches

Table Tennis Club, Andy Simmonds

We are a friendly club with bar, excellent playing conditions and top class equipment. We meet on Tuesdays in the village hall in Maldon Road, and have a membership of varying abilities, from teenage to over seventy. League match evenings are friendly and good fun with three players from each team in a match playing three singles and one doubles game.

The 2012/13 playing season ends this month (April) and our five teams in the Chelmsford League rank from Division 2 down to Division 5 and are all doing well. We also have teams playing in the various Chelmsford Cup competitions.



In May we hold our three internal singles and doubles club competitions and we normally enter teams (2-man teams) in the Chelmsford Summer League in June through to August.

Our annual dinner will be on 13th April at Russells in Great Baddow and our AGM will be on 28th May.

We are always looking for new members either male or female of any standard, particularly more experienced players. Now would be an excellent time to join and get to know us at one of our regular practice nights or during our club competitions. Anyone wishing to re-start their playing career would be most welcome and we would be delighted to hear from you.

If you are interested please call and leave your contact details with either Neil Freeman on 01245 382249 or myself Andy Simmonds 01245 381020.

Useful telephone numbers

Please contact the editors for additions/errors.

Age Concern Essex	01245 264499
Anglian Water, 24 hours	0800 919 155
Braintree District Council	01376 552525
Witham Area Office	01376 519625

Churches

St Andrew's (C of E), vicar	01245 380958
Methodist Church, minister	01621 853423
Salvation Army, officer i/c	01702 290250
Catholic Church, Witham, priest	01376 512219

Citizens Advice Bureau Witham	0844 4994719
Drop-in sessions Mon/Tue/Thur/Fri 10am-1pm	
Appointments only Thurs afternoon 1-4pm	

Doctors, health services

Hatfield Peverel doctors' surgery	01245 380324
Boreham doctors' surgery	01245 467364
NHS Direct	0845 4647
Pharmacy, Hadfelda Square	01245 380130

Electricity - emergency	0800 7838838
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Essex County Council	01245 492211
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Essex & Suffolk Water 24 hours	0845 7820999
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First Essex Buses Ltd	01245 293400
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Gas - emergency	0800 111999
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Harlequin Children's Centre	01376 535270
Free support and services for children under 5	

Hospitals

Broomfield (A&E); St John's,	0124 5443673
St Peter's	

Libraries

Hatfield Peverel	01245 380988
Witham	01376 519625

Police, non-emergency calls	0300 3334444
Local Officer	07791 402133

Post Office	01245 380201
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Railway Information

National Express East Anglia	0845 6007245
National Rail Enquiries (24 hrs)	08457 484950

Registrar of Births, Marriages & Deaths

Witham, by appointment only	01376 323463
Braintree, by appointment only	01376 320762

Relate	01245 258680
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Samaritans (24 hours - toll free)	08457 909090
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Schools

St Andrew's Junior School	01245 380131
Hatfield Peverel Infant School	01245 380220
Hatfield Peverel Day Nursery	01245 382450
Acorn Childcare	07580 834417

Social Services	0845 6037630
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Village Agent Sally Austin	0800 9775858
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Village Hall (after 7pm)	01245 381481
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Let us know of useful services to add to this list

Hatfield Peverel Parish Council

Councillors and their working parties

Lisa Miller, Parish Clerk	01245 344439
clerk.hatfieldpeverelpc@blueyonder.co.uk	

David Broddle, Chairman	01245 382829
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Graham Bushby, Traffic	01245 380472
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Peter Endersby, Env (chair)	01245 381919
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Colin Giffin, Planning (chair)	01621 892351
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Elise Gwyn-Williams	01245 382883
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John Hannah, Traffic (chair)	01245 381874
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Bernard Heard, Vice Chairman	01245 380370
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Alan Ingram, Environment	01245 381880
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Ted Munt, Environment	01245 381135
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Eugene Murphy	01245 380113
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Martin Pyke, Traffic	01245 380792
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Alan Steele	07739 398453
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Diane Wallace	01245 381485
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Village hall happenings

Forget the cold, come and enjoy a chat and a drink in the warmth of the bar lounge, play a game of darts or snooker. Enjoy yourself!

Bingo (third Thursday in the month) -
16th May, 20th June

Poker (third Saturday in month) -
20th April, 18th May, 22nd June

Brag (first Friday in month) - 3rd May, 7th June

Darts Monday nights, ladies team Tuesdays

All bookings for hall and meeting rooms

HPCAbookings@gmail.com
Phone Alan on 07741 140732

Village hall (after 7pm) 01245 381481

See Facebook under Hatfield Peverel village hall



Hatfield Peverel Beavers came second overall in the District Handicraft Competition at Prances in March. In Tony Price's photograph are Beavers David Potter, Thomas Phillips and Jake Spicer with Leader Irene Price and District Commissioner Derek Joyce

Party in the Park 2013 Saturday 13th July - put the date in your diary

Tony French, Party in the Park 2013 working group

Last year, to coincide with the Olympic torch passing through Hatfield Peverel, we organised the first Party in the Park. Building on the success of that event we are organising Party in the Park 2013, to be held on Saturday 13th July on the recreation ground and village hall – we have even put in a special request for no rain this year.

We want to make this an event for the whole community, so **we have sent out invitations to all clubs and village organisations asking them to participate**. If you have not got back to us yet, there is still time. We would love to involve as many of you as possible.

What do we have planned?

For the afternoon, we are planning a wide range of side shows, bouncy castles, local company presentations, etc, including a repeat appearance of the climbing wall which was such a success with children of all ages last year (including most members of the committee).

In the evening, we have plans for live music for all tastes on our outside stage. To keep you going we plan to have hot and cold refreshments available, together with some special treats.

Come along and help make this a truly village community day.

Don't forget, put the date in your diary (paper or electronic) – we want you all there.